Dave, Jerry, Gerry and Bill 1/25/97

Some time ago a man named Earl Slater got interested in me and my work. He has been thoughtful and helpful, even providing transportation to and from Johns Hopkins several times. He lives in a Baltimore suburb, Ellicott City. His trying to be helpful including a contact with an impressive man at his public relations office. That man, named Goldberg, spent an afternoon with us. That alone impressed me. He was looking for something that could attract attention. When I saw two such things I wrote Liz Smith and Oprah In Winfrey about them but sent them to Goldberg, copy to Slater. I've not heard from either one since.

That is particularly surprising because just before all of this happened I had a call from Salter. I'd sent him something. He had not responded. He said he'd been away. He also said he has a message to get in touch with Goldberg, would and would be in touch. He has not been.

Not having heard from him for a while I think that what Salter had from me is a letter telling him if he had any questions to ask them. He said when he phoned he had none, that he'd been away.

I had been telling him that in the present climate there was no possibility of publication. He is high on Waketh, which he has. He was unwilling to believe this situation could exist.

I suppose it is possible that Goldberg reached that conclusion but if he did I see nothing to discourage him or Slater from telling me. So I am inclined to discount that. It is also possible that Goldberg has connections through whom he has gotten a false account of me such as exists in official records. I may make an effort to learn. As of now I'm not.

I doubt that if I'd sent those letters they'd have gotten favorable attention if they got any attention. However, had it not been that Goldberg was inbolved I'd have sent them instead of sending him the origonals, copy to Slater. Both of whom have been silent.

I'd also written Jim Lesar, who has Exner as a client. He got Kevin Walsh to respond that is not a response. I enclose my response to Walsh.

If I did not have so much trouble with this machine I might write more.

best,

Harold